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Venice, April 17.

WE have Letters from *Sicily*, which give us an account, That the *Spaniards* having poſſeſſed themſelves of the Caſtle of *St Salvador*, and other Poſts, which lay towards the water, with the aſſiſtance of the *Dutch* Fleet; and that *de Ruyter* having by the weather been ſome dayes after obliged to remove from his ſtation, and to ſtand over to the other ſide of the Fare, the Duke *de Vivonne* had made uſe of the opportunity to regain thoſe Poſts; which he had effected, by cauſing 6 or 7000 Men to ſally out of *Meſſina*, and diſpoſing at the ſame time the *French* Fleet ſo, as that their Cannon did very much annoy the *Spaniards*, while *de Ruyter* was hindred by the contrary winds from coming to their ſuccor. It is ſaid that the *French* loſt about 200 Men in the Action, and the *Spaniard* above treble the number, together with the Count *de Burq*, and ſeveral other Officers. For the reſt, the ſame Letters tell us, That the *French* Fleet conſiſts in 32 Men of War, all mounted from 44 to 84 Guns; That nine of them are ſhips of three Decks, but that they are ill manned; That the *French* are in poſſeſſion of all the Caſtles and Forts belonging to the *Meſſineſes*, of whom they are very jealous; That much will depend upon the Succors that are now expected there with the *French* Gallies from *Marſeilles*, they having at preſent in *Meſſina* hardly Corn enough to ſupply thoſe Inhabitants one month, notwithſtanding they have of late taken ſeveral ſhips laden with that proviſion.

Copenhagen, April 25. The Squadron of Men of War that lately ſailed from hence are returned again, without having been able to effect their deſign, which was to make themſelves Maſters of the Iſle of *Rugen*, the *Suedes* having had notice of it time enough to put themſelves into a poſture of defence. Theſe Men of War have however orders to continue at Sea, and to have an eye upon the *Suediſh* ſhips that are fitting at *Gottenburgh*, to carry, as is believed a Succor to *Stade*. Yeſterday *Griffenfelt* was for the firſt time examined by the Commiſſioners appointed for that purpoſe, in which four hours were ſpent. The 10 of the next month he is to be examined again in the preſence of the King; in the mean time we cannot yet particularly learn what is charged upon him. The Sieur *Owenius* is declared Vice-chancellor.

Vienna, April 19. The Emperor continues in his retirement, though it's ſaid he will on Wedneſday next part for *Newſtadt*, with intentions to continue there till *June*. Our laſt Letters from the Port tell us, That the Grand Signior will not go into the Field this Summer, but that he will remain at *Adrianople*, committing the conduct of his Armies to the Grand Vizier. Many people here ſeem to promiſe themſelves, that the Elector of *Bavaria* will now ſuddenly declare in favor of the Emperor; and it's ſaid farther, that to diſpoſe his Electoral Highneſs thereunto, a Marriage will be propoſed between the Emperor and his daughter, but this is as yet but diſcourſe. We are told, that the Duke of *Lorrain* hath given his Imperial Majeſty an account, that he hoped to be in a condition to march with the Imperial Army the beginning of the next month; that is, ſo ſoon as Forage might be found in the Field.

Strasburgh, April 24. It is reported here, That the *French* Troops which have aſſembled at *Metz*, are marched to join the King in *Flanders*; which the more ſurprizes us, for that we have all along expected that a reinforcement would rather have been ſent from *Flanders* into theſe parts. Vaſt proviſion is making at *Saverne* and *Haguenaw*, for the ſubſiſtence of the Army this Campagne. From *Eſlingen*, the Imperial Head-quarter, they write, That all the Regiments had poſitive orders to be at the general Rendezvous on the 6th of the next month.

Cologne, April 28. The Deputies ſent by the Duke of *Newburgh* to *Maeſtricht*, have been only able to obtain a deferring of the execution for eight dayes longer, upon thoſe that do not bring in their Contributions in that time; in the mean time his Highneſs endeavors all he can to put his Countries in a ſtate of defence; beſides the new Fortifications we have already told you of, he has cauſed a Fort to be built near *Linnich*. We expect very ſuddenly in theſe parts the Troops of the Biſhop of *Oſnabrugh*, and ſome of *Munſter* and *Brandenburgh*, who will form a Body to act on the ſide of *Treves*. From *Strasburgh* there are Letters by the laſt Ordinary, which ſay, That the *French* did again aſſemble a Body of men about *Colmar*, with deſign, as was believed, to put a relief into *Philipsburgh*; and that the Duke of *Lorrain* was preparing to hinder it.

Hamburgh, April 28. We have this week no very good news from *Berlin, viz.* That the Elector of *Brandenburgh* hath commanded afreſh, that the Ships and Goods belonging to the Subjects of this City, ſhall be ſtopt, and that his Electoral Highneſs had refuſed to receive the Letters written to him by our Magiſtrates on that Subject, directing at the ſame time that his Miniſter, who hath reſided here, ſhould forthwith return home. From *Copenhagen* they write, That *Griffenfelt* had been once examined, that his Accuſation conſiſted in 12 Heads or Articles, of which the firſt is ſaid to be, That he had by ſurprize got the King to ſign a Paper, by which his Majeſty, in caſe of death, ſhould appoint him ſole Governor and Regent of his Children and Countries, during the Minority of his eldeſt Son, which it ſeems was found among his Papers. Secondly, That he had ſent orders to countermand the *Dutch* ſhips of War that are to come from *Holland*, to join with his Majeſties Fleet this Summer. Thirdly, That he had not ſent any Succors to the Sieur *Guldenlieu* Viceroy of *Norway*, and had not communicated ſeven ſeveral Letters which were written by his Excellency, to demand a Supply. Fourthly, That he had ſold all Places and Offices, to Perſons that were not capable of them. The other Articles we as yet know not. There ſeems at preſent a good appearance of accommodating matters between the King of *Denmark*, and the Duke of *Holſtein*, which would be well for the Sieur *Kilman*, Preſident of the Dukes Council, who is now a Priſoner at *Copenhagen*. We have an account here, that the *Munſteriens* have taken a Fort, called